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haddock and sch. Alice M. Guthrie, Capt. Martin Guthrie, having 60,000 pounds, half haddock and half cod. These two skippers somehow have the faculty of dodging in on the big markets and this time they have struck it rich again. At the going price each craft stands to stock over \$1600.

Sch. Matchless, from down back of Cape Cod has 20,000 pounds of new fish, but the rest of the boats go from 2000 to 8000 pounds, the captains reporting that never in all their fishing experience have they found fish so scarce along the shore.

Off shore haddock are bringing \$3 and shores \$4.50, while large cod are going at \$4 and market cod at \$2.50.

Arrivals at this port are also light today, one Georgesman and a fresh halibut being the whole story from off shore.

The handling sch. Ella G. King came in yesterday afternoon with 17,000 pounds of salt cod and 2500 pounds of halibut. All the Georgesmen have found fish scarce on this trip.

Sch. Atalanta, Capt. Richard Wadding, is at this port this morning from Quero bank with a nice fresh halibut trip, 30,000 pounds, and a few salt fish.

Schs. Waldo L. Stream and Dictator, which took out their halibut at Boston yesterday, came here yesterday afternoon with a few fresh fish.

It is just a fine day for fishing today, and the big fleet of market boats are taking advantage of it. Last night over 30 of them went out from here, and this morning there was but one left in port. As there are but six of them at T wharf this morning, the whole great fleet must be setting and hauling today.

Japanese Fisheries.

Owing to its geological position, the direction of the ocean currents in its vicinity, and the numerous and well protected harbors along the various coasts of Japan, it is not surprising that a large number of the population, almost 10 per cent., say 5,000,000 are actively engaged or depending on the ocean for a livelihood, and that the value of the fish and marine products annually taken from the sea amounts to over \$50,000,000.

The Japanese are naturally a race of fishermen, and from early times have been taught to look upon the ocean as a source whence to draw supplies of food. Fishing was probably first developed on the shores of the inland sea, but as the population increased and demand arose, especially for salted and dried fish, it was found necessary to construct vessels and go farther and farther from southern Japan to meet the growing demand. It was for this reason that settlements were made on this island, Yezo or Hokkaido, 500 years ago, they being principally fishing stations. The old records show that even 250 years ago there was a large and prosperous business carried on, and that annually over 2500 junks, many of them of considerable size, loaded cargoes of salt salmon at Hakodate and Matsumai during the summer months, which they took to Yeddo, Ooka and other ports in southern Japan.

The bulk of the industry is carried on in native built boats, and the number of these is enormous. According to the latest statistics available, those for 1906, there were actively employed during that year, 295,004 boats under 18 feet in length, 106,803 boats from 18 to 30 feet in length, and 24,322 boats over 30 feet in length. Of the boats under 18 feet in length, 28,363 were newly constructed, and cost \$580,500; of those from 18 to 30 feet in length, 9132 were newly constructed and cost \$385,400, while 2015 boats of over 30 feet in length were newly constructed at a cost of \$177,040. During the same year there were employed 74 steamers, 10 of which were newly constructed, and 559 foreign style sailing vessels, of which 83 were newly constructed.

The value of the catch for 1906 is given at \$27,227,574, to which must be added the value of such other products as sea ears, sea cucumbers, fish oil, shark fins, fish manure, etc., which were valued at \$16,704,554, a total of \$43,932,128. When to this is added the value of the seals and sea otters taken by pelagic fishing vessels, valued in the neighborhood of \$12,450,000, there is a total of \$56,382,128.

Large Pacific Halibut Receipts.

Fresh halibut is reported in liberal receipt on the Pacific coast. The arrivals at Tacoma, Seattle and Vancouver are credited with three quarters of a million pounds in two days recently.

Stocked \$1240 on Haddock Trip.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, stocked \$1240 on her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$23.80 clear.

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Atalanta, Quero Banks, 30,000 lbs. halibut, 2000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Ella G. King, Georges, 17,000 lbs. salt cod, 2500 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Dictator, via Boston, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Waldo L. Stream, via Boston, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Catherine G. Burke, haddock-ing.
Sch. Matiana, haddock-ing.
Sch. Fish Hawk, Georges.
Sch. Winnifred, Boston.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddock-ing.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddock-ing.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddock-ing.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddock-ing.
Sch. Hockomock, haddock-ing.
Sch. Rena A. Percy, haddock-ing.
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddock-ing.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddock-ing.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddock-ing.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, haddock-ing.
Sch. Leo, haddock-ing.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, haddock-ing.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, haddock-ing.
Sch. Emerald, haddock-ing.
Sch. Viking, haddock-ing.
Sch. Manomet, haddock-ing.
Sch. Dorothy, haddock-ing.
Sch. Massasoit, haddock-ing.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, haddock-ing.
Sch. Galatea, haddock-ing.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, haddock-ing.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, haddock-ing.
Sch. Aloha, south seining.
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, south seining.
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges.
Sch. J. J. Flaherty, dory handlining.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut, 8½ cents per pound for white and 6 cents per pound for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.00; salt haddock, \$1.00; salt hake, \$1.00.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65; mediums, \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium, \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c; pollock, 60c.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2.00 snappers, \$1.00.
Shore frozen herring for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.
Round pollock, 50 cts. per cwt.
Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Winnifred, which came down here from Boston several days ago to ship a crew for haddocking, returned to Boston today.

Capt. Richard Wadding of sch. Atalanta reports speaking schs. Paragon, Margaret and Cavalier on Quero bank. The latter craft went to Grand Bank.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Capt. Fred Le Blanc, sailed this morning on a salt bank dory handlining codfishing trip, being the first of the fleet to get away this season.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Motor, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Priscilla, 8000 cod.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 58,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 30,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
Sch. Matchless, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Matiana, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 cusk.
Sch. Mary B. Cooney, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Washakie, 2000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1500 cusk.
Sch. Minerva, 7000 haddock.
Sch. Two Sisters, 2000 cod.
Haddock, \$3 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2.50.

Portland Arrivals.

The following fishing vessels were at Portland Monday:

Sch. Mineola, 6000 pounds.
Sch. Lizzie May.
Sch. Margaret McKenzie.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan.
Sch. Wesley W. Sinnett, 6000 pounds.

Lunenburg, N. S., Fishing Notes.

Sch. Douglas Adams has hauled in to fit for the banks.

Sch. Alexandria and Clintonia sailed for the banks on Monday.

A number of young men left by train Saturday morning for Gloucester where they will join the fishing vessels.

Last evening the owners of sch. Mattawa presented Capt. Scott Corkum with a handsome gold watch, in recognition of his valuable services as master of the above-named vessel.

Report Heavy North Wester.

The crew of sch. Atalanta, Capt. Richard Wadding, report a northwester of unusual severity a week ago Monday. They took it in the vicinity of Sable island and before it got through they were blown off way to farther edge of Quero bank. The craft suffered no damage but the crew say it was one of the heaviest blows they ever experienced.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Atalanta sold to the American Halibut Company at \$1-2 cents per pound for white and 6 cents per pound for gray.

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LOBSTER FISHERY FOR CITIZENS.

Non-Residents May BE Licensed to SET Traps for Family Use.

As an additional measure of precaution against the extermination of lobsters and to confine as far as possible the lobster industry to citizens of Massachusetts, a bill has been favorably reported by the committee on fisheries and game in the house of representatives with that end in view.

The bill provides in brief that after the passage of the act it shall be unlawful for any person not having been a continuous resident of the commonwealth for at least one year previous, to set or cause to be set or kept any net or trap for the catching of lobsters in the waters of this state. It is provided, however, that the board of selectmen of any town or the mayor and aldermen of any city of the commonwealth may grant permits in writing to any non-resident to set lobster pots for his own family use in the waters of their respective towns or cities.

It is further provided that any commissioner of fisheries and game, deputy commissioner, member of the district police, deputy sheriff, police officer or constable, within his jurisdiction, may seize and destroy all pots set or kept in violation of this act, in addition to a fine of \$20 for each offence.

The bill also provides for the repeal of section 92 of chapter 91 of the revised laws. This section provided that whoever, not having been an inhabitant of this commonwealth for one year, sets or keeps or causes to be set or kept in the waters of this commonwealth any pot, net or trap for the catching of lobsters shall forfeit \$20 for each offence.

The bill was originally petitioned for by citizens of Dukes county and applied to that section only.

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Southern Mackerel Fleet.

Capt. Norman A. Ross begins today to fit sch. Veda M. McKown for south seining.

Capt. James McLean has sch. Diana nearly all fitted out for south seining.

Capt. Rufus McKay will be here today to start in fitting sch. Speculator for south seining.

Sch. Harmony came from Boston yesterday and will fit for south seining under command of Capt. Augustus G. Hall.

The statement in the Times yesterday that Capt. Charles H. Harty, who is at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, is there in the interest of George T. Moon & Company of Fulton Market, New York, is incorrect, as a telegram to the Times this morning from Wilson & Barry of Fulton Market, states that he is there in the interest of the latter concern.

Capt. Solomon Jacobs began today to fit out sch. Benjamin A. Smith for south mackerel seining. Men in abundance were looking for chances with the veteran wonder, and he could easily have shipped men enough for three crews. There's no use talking, the fishermen do like a gasoliner, and the combination of Jacobs and auxiliary power is indeed alluring to the best of them.

After a splendid season sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, will now haul out of winter haddocking and fit for south seining.

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PRICES FAIR AT BOSTON.

Market Boats Had Some Good Trips This Morning.

At T wharf, Boston, this morning are 25 sail of the market fleet and some of them have pretty good trips, the high boat being sch. Genesta, Capt. Lawrence Budrow, who struck a nice spot of hake somewhere, having 10,000 pounds of them in a fare of 19,000 pounds in all.

Among the good fares are sch. Seaconnet 15,000 pounds, sch. Ellen C. Burke 17,000 pounds, sch. Warren M. Goodspeed 12,000 pounds, sch. George E. Lane, Jr. 12,000 pounds, and sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan 18,000 pounds. Others of the fleet have from 5000 to 10,000 pounds.

Prices are pretty fair, haddock bringing from \$2.60 to \$3, cod \$3 to \$3.25 and hake \$1 to \$4.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell was at Boston yesterday afternoon with 60,000 pounds of fresh fish and got a good stock out of the trip.

Capt. John Hickey of sch. Terra Nova tried holding over with his trip at T wharf Monday, and came out successful in his attempt Tuesday to get a higher price than he was offered on that day. He had a big offshore trip, and would not accept the prices offered by the buyers. Tuesday there was a demand for the fish, which grew as the day passed, and no vessels came, and news that the storm was still keeping fishermen from leaving their vessels came from places along the north and cape shores.

He put his fish up for sale, and realized 75 cents a hundredweight more on his haddock than was offered on Monday, and also got an advance on his cod. His crew shared \$32 each, several dollars more than they would have had had the fish been sold on Monday.

Only One Arrival Here.

The only arrival at this port this morning is the Georges handliner Tj-tania, Capt. Patrick Vale, with 27,000 pounds of salt cod and 2500 pounds of halibut.

Nova Scotia Fishing Notes.

The Digby, N. S., flying fisherman Albert J. Lutz, Captain Apt, was at Port Wade, N. S., a few days ago with a goodly catch of fish something over 75,000 pounds of haddock. This is exceptionally good considering the weather which has been very rough, there being about three days in the three weeks out which were fit for fishing. The Lutz, with a crew of 23 men, is now lying at anchor in the stream at Port Wade where the men will overhaul and fit up gear for halibut fishing, the haddock season being ended.

The Fisherman's Union of Long Point and Judique, C. B., have passed resolutions strongly urging the Standing Committee to put forth its best efforts to prevent in future the operations of beam trawlers in St. George's Bay as such means of fishing will eventually kill the fishing industry along these coasts.

Nova Scotia's latest advices from the principal over-sea markets show no perceptible variation in prices for the great staple cod. Holdings are decreasing very considerably at many ports, but consumption has not come up to expectations since the advent of Lent, at a number of places. Quite a discrepancy exists in the estimates of stocks on hand at Oporto especially.

On this side of the Atlantic trade conditions are fairly steady in the West India and South American markets.

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Recent Stocks.

Sch. Preceptor, Capt. Fred Upshell, stocked \$2056 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$43.

Sch. Senator, Capt. George Marr, stocked \$1486 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$35.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, stocked \$1905 as the result of her recent six days haddock trip. Capt. Thomas, as usual, has done extra well this winter, and has a big stock to his credit.

MACKEREL IN GULF OF MEXICO.

Last Month's Catch the Largest Ever Known.

The biggest mackerel season ever known in those waters is the record for the past month in the Gulf of Mexico. A letter from Russell Tarr, of this city, to his father, D. Sherman Tarr, and received today, gives some interesting particulars as to the fishery there and the catch.

Mr. Tarr says that the fishery has been as good as was ever experienced there and the landings at the port where he is stationed, Carrabelle, Florida, has witnessed unusual catches, the landings there being the biggest in the history of the fish business there.

He writes that if plenty of mackerel in the gulf is any indication, Gloucester should indeed have a banner season ahead. The fish are not as large as the usual run on this coast, going about one and one-quarter pounds each, and are very handsome fish.

The fishery is conducted in launches of from two to 10 tons. The boats go out late in the afternoon and fish at night, returning in the morning, about 7 or 8 o'clock with their fares. At present the dealers are overstocked with mackerel, so large and many have been the fares and the day before the letter was written, the Gulf Trading Company, by whom Mr. Tarr is employed, were obliged to turn away catches amounting to 15,000 pounds, simply because they could not handle them, having so many on hand.

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Large Steam Trawler Launched.

The largest steam trawler in the world was recently launched in France, and will be fitted out for fishing on Quero Bank and vicinity, being one of the fleet of 30 of these craft which will come to these waters this season. She has been named Canada.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Titania, Georges, 25,000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Matiana, shore.
Sch. Aspinet, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Senator, halibutng.
Sch. Marion E. Turner, pollock seining.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Senator Gardner was at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday.

Capt. Thomas Allen of sch. Senator Saulsbury will now take command of sch. Edward A. Rich in the deck handline fishery.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson of Provincetown is at this port for ice.

Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf will now fit sch. Mattie D. Brundage for Georges halibutng.

Capt. Joseph V. Bonia started in today to fit sch. Fannie A. Smith for a fitched halibut trip. The craft will be fitted with one of the new Richardson patent windlass.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury will continue in the Georges handline fishery and Capt. Robert Wilson will go in command of her.

Schs. Norman Fisher and Patriot are on the Rocky Neck railways.

Schs. Grampus and Hattie E. Heckman are on Burnham's railways.

Sch. Mary Emerson is on Parkhurst's railways, having some new planking put in her top-sides.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, 40,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 5000 cusk.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 6000 cod.
Sch. Massasoit, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Mattakesett, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 400 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Dorothy, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Valentina, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 5000 haddock, 300 cod.
Sch. Rose Standish, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Athena, 9000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 7000 haddock, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Juniata, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 600 hake.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Genesta, 8000 haddock, 600 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 8000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Seaconnet, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Manomet, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 15,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Florida, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Hockmock, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Julietta, 4500 haddock, 400 cod.
Sch. Eva Avina.
Haddock, \$2.60 to \$3 per cwt.; cod, \$3 to \$3.25; hake, \$1 to \$4; cusk, \$1 to \$1.25; pollock, \$2.75 to \$3.

Portland Arrivals.

The following fishing vessels were at Portland Tuesday:
Steamer Elthier, 5000 pounds.
Sch. George H. Lube, 12,000 pounds.
Sch. Etta B.
Sch. Fannie Reed.

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NO MACKEREL YET SEEN.

Seining Fleet Confronted with Heavy Southwest Gale.

Bad weather still continues on the southern mackerel fishing grounds and yesterday the fleet was up against a heavy southwester.

A dispatch to the Times from its Fortress Monroe, Va., correspondent states that sch. Mary E. Hart, Capt. Reuben Cameron, put in there for harbor during the afternoon. She reported all well on board, had seen no mackerel schools and that a heavy southwest gale prevailed on the fishing grounds.

Crews Made Good Shares.

The crew of sch. Dictator, Capt. Fred Thompson, shared \$71 as the result of her recent halibut trips. In three trips thus far this year the crew of this craft has shared \$227 to a man, which is certainly going.

The crew of sch. Alice M. Guthrie, Capt. Martin Guthrie, shared \$40 on their haddock trip at Boston Wednesday.

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Betting on Seal Catch.

Betting on results of this season's Newfoundland seal hunt is reported to some extent both in Newfoundland and in England. The principal question seems to be whether the unsurpassed fleet of steamers including five new ones, will find all the seals they can handle.

A cable received from Bowring Bros. Friday, states that the Florizelle, the new Bowring steamer, had 29,000 seals panned and 12,000 on board. The Eagle has 20,000. The steamers Adventure, Erie, Bloodhound, Vanguard and Diana, are in the vicinity and all are reported doing well. The Florizelle is fitted with wireless and the news was by this means flashed to the colony.